

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: IAN POULTER**  
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**Q. Ian, we followed you from No. 11 on in, looked like you didn't miss a shot, swinging very freely. At any point in time did you feel impatient about the round or did you rely on your old experience?**

**IAN POULTER:** I guess I had to stay patient. Opening up with three birdies first thing this morning was nice. It was easy to get a little bit frustrated yesterday not making putts I would have expected to hole. Coming out first thing, the wind was blowing pretty hard, which I was expecting with a 7:50 time to be nice and easy. So to get off to a nice start with three birdies and have to wait until 16 to convert another one was, it was testing the patience. But to close with three birdies there was good and it kind of moves me up the board quite nicely for the weekend.

**Q. You certainly did it in grand form stacking one at 16 and another one at 17. That has to feel really good heading into the weekend.**

**IAN POULTER:** It was nice, you know, nice to hole a few putts. I would like to have converted a few more through the middle of that round of golf, a few kind of staying out, but it's not easy to read these greens, sometimes they break, sometimes they don't. It's a different grass and obviously the wind holds the line as well. It's nicely positioned, I'm quite happy where I am and let's hope for a nice weekend.

**Q. You have one of the best rounds of the day so far, 6-under 66. Just kind of give us your thoughts on the day.**

**IAN POULTER:** It was a par sandwich with three birdies at the beginning and obviously three birdies at the end, which obviously was nice to start that way. I kind of stuffed it pretty good on the first few holes and obviously took advantage of that. Didn't really take advantage of the other good shots that I played, the other 12 holes in between until again to 16, and then obviously hit it pretty tight on the last couple holes and obviously that made a difference. It's nice to hole a couple of putts, it's nice to be in position for the weekend, and slowly, slowly we can try and improve our golf.

**Q. So you didn't really see the course until Tuesday or Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon?**

**IAN POULTER:** Wednesday.

**Q. Wednesday, so you seem to be adjusting nicely not having had that much experience ahead of time?**

**IAN POULTER:** Yeah, the yardage books nowadays are good enough, you don't need to

be here for days and days and days trying to figure out the golf course. It's right in front of you. It's windy, you can see the bunkers, you can see the hazards out there, so as long as you stay out of those, you're going to be in good shape.

**Q. And just overall comfort level in these conditions, been pretty windy and raining off and on so far?**

**IAN POULTER:** I don't mind the wind. It's kind of -- obviously it's affecting the ball but it's not hurting it as hard as you would expect even though we're getting gusts of 20 to 25 to 30 miles an hour at times because it's so warm and humid, the ball's kind of going through it. So it's still traveling nicely. You've just got to be careful when you hit it in the rough that you don't get too much of a flyer.